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1. The airfield was about three miles east of MINSK (27°34'E/
53°54'N), White Russian SSR, east of the tractor plant,
between the railroad to SMOLENSK and the highway to
MOGILEV. There was a runway.

2. There was intensive flying with biplanes.

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25X1 was occupied by a fighter unit. Douglas aircraft also landed
there occasionally [redacted]

4. The airfield, about 10,000 net square, was north of the
automobile factory, south of the railroad line to MOSCOW.
Bunkers and cantonment buildings for the EM of a pilot
school were located in a woods adjacent to the field.
No concrete runway or hangars were seen. Large rollers
graded the field. The aircraft were parked in the open and
in tents.

5. The following aircraft types were observed:

a. Modern IL-2s

b. Single-engine fighters, similar to the FW-190

c. Twin-engine commercial [redacted]s.

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railroad branch line to the automobile factory, [redacted] of some woods. The railroad landing field sloped to the west.

7. A stone building was on the edge of the field. A fuel dump with a spur track was available.
8. The field was occupied by:
 - a. About 40 two-seater biplanes
 - b. About 20 two-seater high-wing monoplanes
 - c. Ten gliders.

Single-engine fighters and twin-engine aircraft were observed taking off and in the air. The gliders were towed by high-wing monoplanes.
9. Fifteen-to eighteen-year-old boys were daily hauled to the field for practical instruction on the parked biplanes and high-wing monoplanes. They also received pilot training.
10. There was day and night flying, the field being illuminated by searchlights at night.

[redacted] Comment:

- a. [redacted] that the MINSK-East airfield is east of the tractor plant and south of the road to SMOLENSK.
- b. The discrepancies in the statements on the occupation may be due to the apparently frequent changes in occupation. A pilot school, apparently a DOSAV school, however, is assumed to be permanently stationed at the field. The field also seems to be used by air units as an intermediate landing field.

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